



Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association

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The 137th annual meeting of the Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association convened at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 18th, 2006 at the Cow Palace Inn in Lamar, Colo., with Jim Rogers presiding.

Following an invocation by Tim Erickson, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Southeast Colorado Junior Cattlemen's Association members. The welcome and introduction of guests was given by Pres. Jim Rogers.

Guest speakers included Travis Black, Colo. Dept. of Wildlife area manager; Fred Lombardi, Colo. Beef Council executive director; Bill Gray, Colo. Cattlemen's Assoc. president; Terry Fankhauser, Colo. Cattlemen's Assoc. executive vice president; Gary Shoun, Colo. Brand Board commissioner; and keynote speaker John Braly, National Cattlemen's Beef Assoc. vice president.

Pres. Jim Rogers called the business meeting to order at 4:25 p.m. Cade Hasser, new Southeast Colorado Junior Cattlemen president, announced outcome of elections of the new junior officers in their meeting also held today, and he reported the junior association is marking its 50th year.

Minutes were distributed. Bruce Fickenscher moved and Jo Ann McEndree seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the last annual meeting and approve them as printed. Motion passed by voice vote.

Jim Rogers presented the printed bylaws change, which read:

Policies may not be changed until three (3) readings, over three (3) consecutive board meetings have occurred. Changes may be made at the first and second reading, but no changes may be made to the proposed policy at the third (3rd) meeting. Votes will only occur after the second reading and third reading.

Curt Russell moved and Bill Gray seconded to accept the bylaw change. Motion passed on voice vote.

Jo Ann McEndree presented the following resolution:

Whereas, since the last annual meeting many of our beloved and valued members passed to their reward. We who remain, have enjoyed and benefitted from their association and we are saddened by their absence.

We share the sorrow of their families and loved ones and to their memory, we pledge to support the principles which these great men and women, who have gone before us, have firmly instilled in our association.

Therefore be it resolved, the members of Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association, now stand to take a moment to memorialize our deceased members.

Doug Hasser moved and Jo Ann McEndree seconded the resolution. Motion passed by voice vote and the crowd rose for a minute of silence.

Bob Patterson of Kim stated he was interested in serving as the Colo. Cattlemen's Southeast Quarter representative.

Tim Erickson of the nominating committee, presented a slate of officers and directors. He thanked Jim Rogers for his service as president, and explained that the committee asked Jim to again serve, as the association's 1st vice president recently resigned and the normal officer succession was disrupted. The slate is:

Jim Rogers, president; Jo Ann McEndree, 1st vice president; Ron O'Neal, 2nd vice president; Susan Russell, secretary/treasurer;

Baca County directors: Matt Rosengrants, Reggie Lusk, John George & Steve McEndree;

Bent County directors: Lori Chase, Joe Kasza, Pat Karney & Marion Sturges;

Kiowa County directors: Bruce Fickenscher & Tim Trosper, with 2 vacancies;

Otero County directors: Curt Russell, Dave Mendenhall & Bill Gray, with 1 vacancy; and

Prowers County directors: Milton Rink, James "Red" Heath, Jerome Seufer and Brett Pettinger.

The nominating committee of Jim Rogers, Kerry Hartshorn, Steve McEndree, Tim Erickson and Dave Mendenhall, were thanked for their efforts. Nominations then were accepted from the floor. Joe Kasza moved to add Doug Hasser to the Prowers County director's slate. Joe Kasza moved and Pat Karney seconded to accept the full slate of officers and directors, plus the addition of Hasser, as the new board. Doug Hasser declined his nomination. Doug Hasser then moved and Hans Hasser seconded that the slate be elected by acclamation. Motion passed by voice vote.

The Endowment Trust report was given by Pat Karney. As of January 1, 2006, the fund totaled \$46,578.69. The trust fund helps support Bent-Prowers, he said. Tim Trosper moved and Tim Erickson seconded to accept the report. Motion passed by voice vote.

Susan Russell gave a verbal financial report on current balances in all accounts. Randy McEndree moved and Tim Trosper seconded to accept the financial report. Motion passed by voice vote.

Doug Hasser moved and Curt Russell seconded to adjourn the business meeting. Motion passed by voice vote and the group adjourned for a board photo and to the punch bowl, and then the banquet and cowboy ball.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Susan Russell".

Susan Russell, sec.